

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 KABUL 04684 291417Z

50

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00

PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-03 NIC-01 EB-11 AID-20

DRC-01 CU-05 IO-14 (ISO) W
----- 027250

P R 290715Z JUL 74 ZDK
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8902
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
CINCPAC POLAD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KABUL 4684

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, AF

SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN CELEBRATES THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
REPUBLIC

SUMMARY: FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF AFGHAN REPUBLIC
(JESHYN) WENT OFF SMOOTHLY AND QUIETLY WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD VERY
MUCH OUT IN PUBLIC AND IN COMMAND. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS JUSTI-
FICATION OF 1973 COUP, REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES AND
RECAP OF ECON ACTIVITIES. DAOUD SENT UP TRIAL BALLOON RE
CONSTITUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. JESHYN CELEBRATIONS LASTED FROM JULY 17 TO JULY 25. CITY
WAS FESTIVE WITH COLORED LIGHTS AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS AND ON
MOST BUILDINGS, AND WITH FLAGS AND BUNTING. MAJOR EVENTS WERE
PRESIDENT DAOUD'S RADIO SPEECH EVENING JULY 16, MILITARY PARADE
MORNING JULY 17, INDUSTRIAL/HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT OPENING AFTERNOON
JULY 17, DAOUD'S RECEPTION (DINNER) EVENING JULY 17, MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION YOUTH FESTIVAL JULY 18, AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND
SPORTS EVENTS ENTIRE WEEK.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 KABUL 04684 291417Z

2. ATMOSPHERICS. EVENTS IN KABUL TOOK PLACE IN RELAXED, GAY ATMOSPHERE. LARGE CROWDS WERE IN CITY TO SEE BRIGHT LIGHTS; BUT SECURITY MEASURES WERE NOT OVER DONE. IN FACT, PRESIDENT MOVED AROUND JESHYN AREA WITH GREAT FREEDOM AND MINIMUM OF IDENTIFIABLE SECURITY GUARDS. THIS MARKED FIRST OCCASION DAOUD HAS BEEN SEEN IN PUBLIC IN RELATIVELY UNCONTROLLED SITUATION, AND HE WAS WARMLY APPLAUDED WHEREVER HE WENT.

3. ORGANIZATION AND CHIEF PARTICIPANT. MININTERIOR AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FAIZ MOHAMMAD WAS REPORTED TO BE OVERALL COORDINATOR, SEEMED TO BE IN CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS AND WAS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT PRESIDENT'S SIDE. SIMILARLY, MINFINANCE AND COL. KHALILULLAH, BOTH MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WERE PROMINENT AND USUALLY WITH IMMEDIATE DAOUD ENTOURAGE. CHEF DE CABINET AKBAR ALSO WITH DAOUD BUT HE APPEARED MORE AS MAN FRIDAY THAN AS ADVISOR OR COFIDANT. MAN AT PRESIDENT'S EAR AND SEEMINGLY CHIEF ADVISOR OF PRESIDENT ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WAS DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH. ABDULLAH ONE OF FEW MENTIONED BY NAME IN DAOUD SPEECH. MINPUBLIC WORKS FAEQ AND PAKISTANI FORMER NAP LEADER AJMAL KHATTAK ALSO VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE.

4. IN DAOUD'S JUSTIFICATION OF COUP IN HIS SPEECH, HE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO READING HIS LETTERS OF 1963 CONTAINING HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS TO THEN KING ZAHIR. THESE LETTERS SPOKE OF NEED TO ESTABLISH THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL, TO FOUND A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM BUT TO BEGIN WITH ONE PARTY, AND TO FIND SOME WAY FOR PEOPLE TO APPROVE NEW DOCUMENT WHICH GROUP OF LEARNED EXPERTS WOULD DRAFT. THIS EXPOSITION APPEARS TO US AND TO A NUMBER OF AFGHAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT TO BE TRIAL BALLOON.

5. IN CONVERSATION WEEK AFTER JESHYN, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF NEW CONSTITUTION WITH JUSTICE KARIMI OF HIGH JUDICIAL COUNCIL. KARIMI AGREED THAT PRESIDENT PREPARING THE PEOPLE FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION AND GAVE HIS IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD IS THINKING OF A CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE INSTITUTIONALIZED EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY AND SOME MEANS OF EXPRESSING POPULAR VIEWS THROUGH A REPRESENTATIVE BODY. KARIMI'S OWN OPINION IS THAT PRESIDENT AND HIS INTIMATES WANT TO CONSOLIDATE PRESENT MANAGEMENT TEAM OF COUNTRY, THEN THINK THROUGH PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESS-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 KABUL 04684 291417Z

SION QUESTION BEFORE FINALIZING CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT. KARIMI ALSO SPOKE OF NEED TO BEGIN WITH A ONE-PARTY SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE A MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM WOULD BREAK DOWN INTO ETHNIC GROUPINGS.

6. VERY LITTLE OF JESHYN RHETORIC PICKED UP GAUNTLET THROWN DOWN BY PRIMIN BHUTTO IN PRE-JULY 17 NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (NWFP) TOUR. IN FACT, AFGHAN OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST LEVEL DURING AND AFTER JESHYN HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY

TO STRESS THEIR WISH FOR PEACE AND HOPE FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
OF AFGHAN/PAKISTAN DIFFERENCES.

7. MILITARY PARADE ON JULY 18 WAS RUN EFFICIENTLY (50 MINUTES),
DUE NO DOUBT TO TWO WEEKS OF REHEARSALS. THESE REHEARSALS AND OTHER
JESHYN PREPARATIONS MAY HAVE STIMULATED RUMORS OF EXTRAORDINARY
MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN PRIOR TO JULY 17.

8. IN SUMMARY, JESHYN AN IMPRESSIVE OCCASION, VERY MUCH LEAD BY
PRESIDENT DAOUD, WHO IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE
NEW REPUBLIC. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHEN HE WILL SURFACE A NEW
CONSTITUTION.

ELIOT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTITUTION, FOREIGN RELATIONS, INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974KABUL04684
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740205-0528
From: KABUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740710/aaaaaife.tel
Line Count: 128
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <25 FEB 2003 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AFGHANISTAN CELEBRATES THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS REPUBLIC
TAGS: PINT, AF, PK, (DAOUD, MOHAMMAD)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005